

of Birmingham Brother Rice's football team for 45 years. Throughout these years, Mr. Fracassa taught young men at Brother Rice the values of leadership, teamwork, and discipline. In a world where mediocrity is encouraged, and even praised through things like "participation awards," Mr. Fracassa accepted nothing less than the best from his teams. As he said, "... the difference between good and great is just a little effort." It is this mindset, that success must be earned through hard work and perseverance, which has made America the great nation it is today.

Whereas, Mr. Fracassa has achieved a record 430 wins over the course of his career, along with nine playoff titles, and the most wins in Michigan football history, putting him at fifth in the nation; and

Whereas, he has raised an estimated \$150,000 for Brother Rice by auctioning off pasta dinners with Al; and

Whereas, he has won awards including the 1997 and 2006 NFL High School Coach of the Year, the 2002 American Football Coaches Association National Coach of the Year, and the Fred Danzinger Award; and

Whereas, he has been named Michigan's Coach of the Year four times, been inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, and received the MSU Duffy Daugherty Memorial Lifetime Achievement; and

Whereas, the Brother Rice Football Field was renamed Fracassa Field in 2006, and he will be Coach Emeritus following his retirement; and

Whereas, he has been praised as influential, inspirational, caring, and humble, and been called a leader, a mentor, and a legend; and

Whereas, he will remain active at Brother Rice and in the community as a motivational speaker, continuing to be a paragon of strength and virtue; now, therefore be it proclaimed by the Congress of the United States of America that Al Fracassa be honored for his commitment to excellence, his pursuit of greatness, and his stalwart demonstration of American traditions and values.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH  
KOISA

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Koisa as he retires from the Union Beach Fire Department. Mr. Koisa dedicated 50 years to serving the Union Beach community and is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Joseph Koisa joined the Harris Gardens Fire Company in 1959. Among many other officer positions, he was elected Captain, Third Deputy Chief and Department Chief over the years. In addition, he served as Chief Engineer from 1984 until 2012.

Throughout Mr. Koisa's tenure as Deputy Chief and Chief, Union Beach experienced three major fires, one of which required assistance from additional towns, which Mr. Koisa had to coordinate. As Chief Engineer, Mr. Koisa ensured that the department's trucks and apparatus were properly maintained and worked on securing the best equipment available.

Mr. Koisa was also active outside of the Harris Gardens Fire Company, joining the New Jersey Relief Association and the New Jersey Exempt Association of Union Beach in 1966. In 1980, he became a member of the Bayshore Active Fire Chiefs Association and served on the Historic Committee and Membership Audit Committee. He is currently a Life Member of all three associations.

Together with Lorraine, his wife of over 44 years, he has a daughter Annie, a son Joey and two grandsons Sean and Kyle. Joey is also a member of the Harris Gardens Fire Company and currently serves as Chief Engineer.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Joseph Koisa on his retirement from the Union Beach Fire Department and thanking him for his 50 years of dutiful service to the residents of Union Beach.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF EU-  
LESS POLICE OFFICER STEVEN  
ESKEW

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize retiring Captain Steven Eskew for his 34 years of public service as a police officer.

Steven graduated in 1977 from Central Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Following his graduation, Steven worked for the Department of Public Safety in Raytown, Missouri, and as a security officer in the private sector.

In 1980, Steven was hired as a patrol officer by the Euless Police Department. Throughout his career with the City of Euless, Steven has accomplished many achievements such as obtaining the ranks of Criminal Investigator in 1985, Sergeant in 1989, Lieutenant in 1993, and Captain in 2011. Aside from his promotions, Steven has been honored with 12 personnel commendations, Distinguished Service Award in 1984, Police Officer of the Year in 1985, and Supervisor of the Year in 1991.

Steven served as the Department Armorer for many years. Additionally, he has held the positions of Tactical Commander, Internal Affairs Officer, and Firearms Instructor.

Steven has also earned a number of certifications and academic degrees within the field of law enforcement. The distinctions Steven has received over the years include the Basic Police Certification in 1981, Intermediate Police Certification in 1982, Advanced Police Certification in 1986, Tactical and Sniper training in 1986, Firearm Instructor Certification in 1995, and Master's Police Certification in 1995. In 1989, Steven graduated from the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute School of Police Supervision; additionally, he graduated in 1994 from the Southwest Law Enforcement Institute Command School. At both institutes, Steven obtained high honors for his academic achievements. Overall, Steven received over 2,600 hours of in-service training throughout his career.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distin-

guished colleagues to join me in thanking Steven Eskew for his 34 years of public service as a police officer.

RECOGNIZING MR. MARK JACKSON

**HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I recognize Mr. Mark Jackson's acceptance into the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Program. The Fulbright Program is universally recognized as America's premier international exchange program. I am honored to represent Mark in Congress and wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF DUWAYNE  
BRIDGES BEING NAMED 2013 LEG-  
ISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY THE  
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF VET-  
ERANS AFFAIRS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2014*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize a dear friend and former colleague of mine in the Alabama State House, DuWayne Bridges, for being named the 2013 Legislator of the Year by the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.

DuWayne Bridges is a resident of Valley, Alabama. He served our country as a member of the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He and his wife, Pat, have two children, DuWayne Jr. and Karen. They are the proud grandparents of nine children. DuWayne received his Bachelor's Degree from Faulkner University and his Master's Degree from Troy University. He is the owner of Bridges Travel Plaza in Cusseta, Alabama.

DuWayne is a past Vice Chairman for the Alabama State Department of Mental Health and was elected as Chambers County's 1996 Gentleman of the Year. In 2000, DuWayne was elected to represent Alabama's 38th District, which encompasses Lee and Chambers counties. He serves as the Chairman of the Military and Veterans' Committee in the State House, and also serves as a member of my Third District Veterans' Advisory Board.

On January 10th, DuWayne was recognized as the 2013 Legislator of the Year by the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs. He was recognized for his support of several bills that will benefit Alabama's Veterans. Among those bills was the "Heroes for Hire Act" which provides a tax credit to employers who hire recently deployed Veterans.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating DuWayne for his dedication to Alabama's Veterans. His tireless service to our state and country is an inspiration to legislators everywhere. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors outside of the State House as he retires this year.